



*South Carolina's
Alternative
Education
School*



Why Stop Learning?

OUR HISTORY

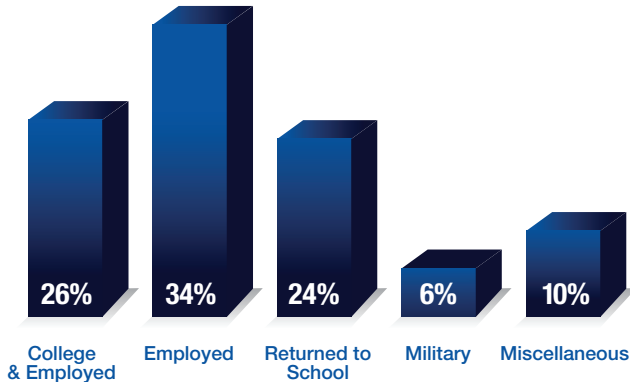


In 1921 the late Dr. Wil Lou Gray founded a school which later became her namesake. Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School continues to be the state's leader in providing alternative education. As an agency of state government, the school provides a wealth of academic and life skills training by SC state-certified teachers in modern classroom settings.

Dr. Gray adopted the motto "Why stop learning?" and dedicated her life to educating the undereducated.



GRADUATE OUTCOMES



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Challenging teens to succeed. That's what we do at Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, South Carolina's alternative education school. We specialize in helping at-risk young people move beyond life's obstacles to achieve success. What do we mean by "at-risk?" Wil Lou Gray serves young men and women in South Carolina 16 to 19 years of age on a path toward:

- ◀ truancy, or failing in school,
- ◀ dropping out of school,
- ◀ missing a college education,
- ◀ being unemployed or underemployed, or
- ◀ a negative lifestyle, because of poor choices in their everyday life.

Each student we accept must be drug-free, a legal resident of both South Carolina and the United States of America. Each must be physically and mentally capable of completing our 14-week session and cannot be under indictment or convicted of a felony.

Challenging Teens to

A structured, job-based education can be the answer teens seek. Today, tucked away in a quiet 87-acre campus, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School continues a rich tradition for students who struggle in conventional classrooms. Room and board, tuition and books are provided at no cost to the students who are selected for each 14-week session.

We are a Palmetto Gold School as a result of:



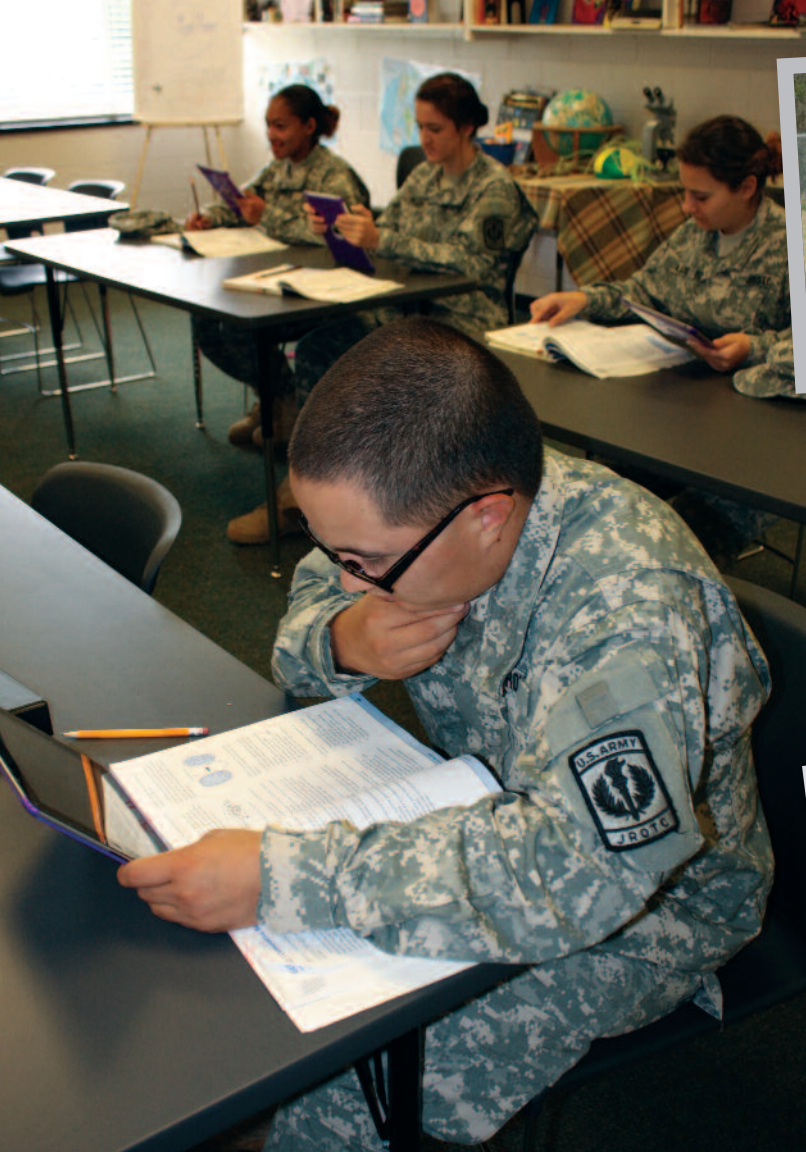
- ◀ Teachers who are state-certified in their field of training
- ◀ A caring staff and state-of-the-art classrooms emphasizing career goal-setting
- ◀ Strong GED preparations through the use of technology

We develop leaders through:

- ◀ A National and State award-winning JROTC Program
- ◀ Our on-site Ropes Challenge Course
- ◀ A Life Skills curriculum
- ◀ Encouragement of productive citizenship, self-confidence, community respect and a sense of pride

Succeed.





Our workforce development program includes:

- ◀ Job readiness
- ◀ WorkKeys® assessment and training
- ◀ College and university guidance
- ◀ Job shadowing
- ◀ Individual guidance plan

Our vocational program focuses on:

- ◀ Digital art and design
- ◀ Forklift safety training
- ◀ Building construction
- ◀ Automotive technology
- ◀ OSHA 10 Certification

We help our students achieve by placing them in an environment that is geared toward learning and applying new skills. Students are TABE-tested during the first week to determine their academic levels and skills. Then a specially-designed blend of technology and self-paced GED texts provides customized opportunities to succeed academically.

Our partners include the South Carolina Department of Education and school districts, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation, Midlands Technical College and select branches of the United States Military.



**We invite you to visit us for a tour and more information.
Each student's success is of the utmost importance to us.**



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